

# KCSS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## January 7, 2016

**MISSION STATEMENT**

“Forming a community of disciples in Christ through Catholic faith and academic excellence”

- January 7**
  - ❖ Vande Walle candy bar order forms sent home
- January 8**
  - ❖ Packer gear or favorite sports team day
- January 12**
  - ❖ Introduction to KCSS 101 (for Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten and KCSS Child Care/Before and After School Care (see attachment))
- January 14**
  - ❖ Vande Walle candy bar order turn in (delivery on February 15)
- January 15**
  - ❖ Memory Book Orders due
  - ❖ Middle School Breakfast Club
  - ❖ Early dismissal 11:30am
- January 18**
  - ❖ Vision Screening
- January 20**
  - ❖ **Jean Day for January/July Birthdays**
- January 29**
  - ❖ **GRAND EVENT**
- January 31**
  - ❖ Catholic Schools Week begins

**Vande Walle Candy Bar Sale begins TODAY!** This counts towards your family fundraising fee. Order forms going home today

**Church Calendar Winners...**

12/21	Glenn & Joyce Hansen	Kaukauna	\$20.00
12/22	Kay Weins	Menasha	\$20.00
12/23	Brenda Coenen	Kimberly	\$20.00
12/24	Rick & Pauline Mader	Kaukauna	\$20.00
12/25	Sue Wildenberg	Kaukauna	<b>\$100.00</b>
12/26	Teri Ricker	De Pere	\$20.00
12/27	Pat Meulemans	Kaukauna	\$25.00
12/28	Jamie Denil	Little Chute	\$20.00
12/29	Bob & Cheryl Smith	Kaukauna	\$20.00
12/30	Kegan Luniak	Chippewa Falls	\$20.00
12/31	Jim & Marion Kobussen	Kaukauna	\$20.00
1/01	Jane Giordana	Kaukauna	<b>\$100.00</b>
1/02	Don Verhagen	Kaukauna	\$20.00
1/03	Rita Schmidt	Kaukauna	\$25.00

**KCSS is showing their support for our GREEN BAY PACKERS by wearing Packer gear or favorite team jersey tomorrow! Appropriate jeans and athletic pants are okay.**

*Grand Event*

**January 29, 2016**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Reminder!**  
Thank you for selling Grand Event 2016 admission tickets. Please remember that you can get fundraising credit for every ticket sold (until the \$200 requirement is met) until JANUARY 15. A ticket form is included in this newsletter and is on the website. Tickets are also available through Lynn Zwick in the Marketing Office. Again, thank you for selling tickets, and your continued support!

**Volunteers are needed to make this event a success!**  
A list of volunteer opportunities for this year's event is attached. A hard copy also went home with your child today. Family Service Hours can be applied. Thank you in advance for your help!

**VIRTUS CLASS AT HOLY CROSS PARISH**  
Tuesday, January 12 (6:00pm to 9:30pm) in Friendship Hall. People who plan to volunteer with children whether it be for the school, faith formation or the parish, and you have not already attended this course, please register for this upcoming session at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Please call Sandy at 788-1451 regarding a required background check application.

***From the Board of Trustees: DRESS CODE - Your response is needed! Your feedback will determine how we move forward. The more people that respond, the more information we'll have to work with. Please take a moment to prayerfully read over and consider the dress code information that is attached to this newsletter. A hardcopy is also being sent home with your child.***

*Additionally, the Board of Trustees would like to thank all of the families that participated in the SCHOOL NAME SURVEY. We truly appreciate your input. The results are as follows and these names have been submitted to Bishop Ricken for his approval and response.*

- Saint Michael, the Arch Angel
- Our Lady of Victory
- St. Ignatius of Loyola

**Catholic Schools Week**

Show your appreciation for KCSS by having your family take part in the kick-off to Catholic Schools Week liturgy on Sunday January 31 at Holy Cross or St. Katherine Drexel church. We would love to see your participation! Please see attached form.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** are making a difference at KCSS: The latest check received was in the amount of **\$1023.70**  
**NEXT TURN IN DATE: FEBRUARY 20TH**

**Grand Event Classroom Baskets:**  
Please bring your contributions to the office soon as there is only a few weeks left to get the baskets together. We truly appreciate your involvement in this fundraiser for our school.

**Introduction to KCSS 101**  
**For Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten and KCSS Child Care/Before and After School Care.**  
Please share the attached flyer regarding this opportunity to learn more about our awesome school! We'd love to see you there along with welcoming a few new faces too!

**EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS**  
Xavier High School will be holding Incoming **Freshman Registration Nights on Tues., Jan. 26 and Weds., Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the theatre.** The high school curriculum will be described and advice will be given for course selection. Information on financial options will be available. Students and families will have the opportunity to select courses following the program. More information on Xavier High School is available by reaching out to Associate Principal Donna Fahrenkrug at 882-6902 or by email to [dfahrenkrug@xavercatholicschools.org](mailto:dfahrenkrug@xavercatholicschools.org).

**KCSS Solo Ensemble Festival:** Grades 5-8  
Saturday March 19.  
Please see attachment.

**Ski Club Dates:**  
1/8/16  
1/15/16  
2/5/16



## Vande Walle's Candy Bar Sale 2016

- Each case contains 40 candy bars.
- Candy bars are to be sold for \$1.00 each. (\$40.00 per case)
- 50% Profit on Candy Bar Sales (Preschool/Pre-K Families 50/50 split)
- Only whole cases can be ordered. *No ½ cases please.*

### **Important Dates:**

**Order Turn In: Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** – order as many cases as you would like to sell-candy bars that you do not sell cannot be returned.

**Order Pick Up: Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** --your order will be ready for pick up between 2:30pm-3:30pm in Room 3.

**Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**--Start selling candy bars

**Money Turn In: Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** --All candy bar money is due.



## Vande Walle's Candy Bar Order Form

(Return by Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mixed Cases** (5 of each per case) Caramel, Caramel Nut, Chocolate Truffle, Dark Chocolate, English Toffee, Milk Chocolate, Mint Truffle, Peanut Butter Meltaway

**The following cases include 40 candy bars of the flavor you choose.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Caramel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Caramel Nut
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chocolate Truffle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dark Chocolate
- \_\_\_\_\_ English Toffee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Milk Chocolate
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mint Truffle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peanut Butter Meltaway

**Return this order form to the KCSS School Office no later than Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Your order will be ready for pick up on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:30pm in Room 3.**

**\*\*On or Before Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> -All Candy Bar Money is Due**

# Kaukauna Catholic School System



*"Where It All Comes Together."*

## Introduction to KCSS 101

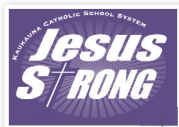
### Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 2016

**5:45 - 6:45 p.m.**

- Preschool • Pre-Kindergarten • Kindergarten
- KCSS Child Care/Before and After School Care  
– *Let us walk your child to KCSS Child Care. KCSS Child Care is available five days a week. Your children are welcome to attend on the days they are not in class.*
- Tour our School
- Meet our Specialists – Computers, Spanish, Phy-ed, Art, Music
- Register to Win Prizes!!

**We are Now  
Classical!!**

**RSVP's Appreciated by  
January 7th:  
920-766-0186**



Kaukauna Catholic School System  
220 Doty Street, Kaukauna,  
please use door #7 (playground)

**Walk in's are Welcome!!**



# Grand Event

**FRIDAY**  
**JANUARY 29TH, 2016**

**KCSS GYMNASIUM-220 DOTY STREET, KAUKAUNA**

**(ENTER DOOR #4-KAUKAUNA STREET)**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM / EVENT BEGINS AT 7:00PM**



*"Where It All Comes Together."*  
Holy Cross & St. Katharine Drexel



**CHANCE TO BID ON DINNER  
WITH BISHOP RICKEN**



**Casino Events**



**Appetizer & Cash Bar**



**Silent & Live Auctions**

**GRAND EVENT ADMISSION TICKETS \$20.00**

*Questions? [lzwick@kcssonline.org](mailto:lzwick@kcssonline.org) or 759-9290*

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# Grand Event

## ***Service Hours Opportunity!!***

**Volunteers** are needed to make Grand Event even more successful than last year. Please take a look at the list (below) and fill in the area you'd like to help out and return it to the KCSS school office ASAP. If it's easier to email or call to sign up, that's great...(920)759-9290 or lzwick@kcssonline.org. Thanks!

Name of Volunteer/Volunteers \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Food** (fill containers with food/keep buffet tidy/dishes)

\_\_\_\_\_ 6-7:30 pm (2needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ 7:30-9 pm (2 needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:00-9:30 (2 needed)

#### **Bar Tenders** (Beer, Wine, Soda, Water)

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:15-8:15 pm (4 needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ 8:15-9:15 pm (4 needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:15-10:30pm (4 needed)

#### **50/50 Raffle**

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:30-7 pm (2 needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ 7-7:30 pm (2 needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ 7:30-8 pm (2 needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ 8-8:30 pm (2 needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ 8:30-9 pm (2 needed)

#### **Bucket Raffle-Men's/Women's Raffle**

\_\_\_\_\_ 7-7:30 pm (4 needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ 7:30-8 pm (4 needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ 8-8:30 pm (4 needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ 8:30-9 pm (4 needed)

#### **Clean Up**

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30pm (many volunteers needed)

***Thank You!!!***





## Dress Code



The dress code/uniform issue has been a topic of discussion for many years. People on both sides of the issue share strong and emotional opinions about the matter. Some opinions are based on facts, other times they are coming from more human and emotional places. There are valid points to be made for both sides of the discussion. It is safe to say that all of the families in our school want what's best for KCSS. It's also important to find some balance between the needs of the school, and the needs of the students and families. So how do we move forward?

Initial feedback was provided to the Board of Trustees by over one quarter of our families. Thank you! All of the feedback was helpful and seriously considered. The committee had long discussions over the issues and tried to make decisions based on our Catholic values, and concrete, logical facts. We feel we have done just that. As we proceed, we hope that all families will understand that this process is being handled prayerfully, and with the utmost respect for all.

There were many reasons made in support of a stricter dress code or uniform, and three main concerns against it - individuality, cost and elitism (listed in the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter). All of the concerns and benefits deserved discussion. A request was put out to create a committee to look at both sides of the issue, and come to some agreement on how to move ahead. People joined the committee for varying reasons, and individuals from both sides of the issue were present.

A plan was created and is shared with you on the following pages. The committee and the Board of Trustees feel it is pertinent that the reasons behind the proposal be shared, as well as the plan itself. Please take a moment to prayerfully read over and consider the information.

**We hope to receive feedback from the vast majority of families  
so we can finalize all details and therefore allow families to plan ahead for the coming year(s).  
Your feedback will determine how we move forward,  
so the more people that respond, the more information we'll have to work with.**

As we considered modifying the dress code vs. moving to a full uniform, we had to identify the validity behind such a discussion, and not be moved by emotion or personal preference. The following points were part of the committee's discussion:

- Modesty, simplicity, ease of enforcement and keeping our Catholic values should be our main priorities.
- We must be sensitive to the concerns of all families, while remaining true to our Catholic values.
  - Whatever decision is made, it must be based on valid, logical reasoning, and always stem from our Catholic faith.
  - The "why" behind our choices must be communicated clearly and thoughtfully.
- Our choices should minimize gray areas and be as concrete as possible so students and parents easily understand and our teachers do not need to spend time enforcing the dress code.
- Choosing a modest and simple dress code is one way to defend the dignity and self-confidence of our students.
- Take the focus off outward appearances and give the clear message to concentrate on the deeper beauty and goodness in others.
- Reinforce that each student's identity and worth should not be based on their clothing choices (or lack thereof), but instead on their personality, actions, words, talents, interests, etc.
- Students won't be distinguished by their socioeconomic level or "fashion sense".
- We would like to create a tidy, more put together look across the student body.
- Comfort and practicality should be considered within the bounds of the higher priorities.
- Our identity as a Catholic classical school is reinforced by a more consistent dress code or uniform.
- Financial and time concerns need to be forefront in our minds, behind our main priorities (listed above).
  - All clothing choices should be inexpensive, easy to find, and readily available.
  - Research was done by committee members and all color choices and styles can be found at local and on-line stores, within all price ranges (sometimes as low as \$3 on sale, not to mention resale).
  - Families with children who have worn uniforms have found it to be very cost effective and easy to implement.

- As time passed, costs could continue to go down, as clothing exchanges and sales could be scheduled at the end of the school year and again at orientation day. Clothing could also be available on an on-going basis.
  - As students graduated or grew out of clothes, they could be handed down to younger students, or given to the school to sell as a fundraiser (or provided to families at no cost if appropriate).
  - Other schools have had much success with these expense reduction tactics, and they would be simple to implement.
- School pride tends to increase as a result of a more coherent identity.
  - Clothing choices definitely send a message, and we need to decide what message we want to send.
  - A more consistent dress code communicates a sense of purpose, dignity and respect.
  - It may also send the message that our students follow rules and can help students feel a part of something bigger than themselves.
- We should always strive to set higher expectations, raise the bar.
- If outside individuals can identify our students more readily, this also helps market our school.
  - It has been shown that if students can be identified as being tied to a certain school or organization, it also increases positive behavior inside and outside of school.
- Makes mornings easier by not having to think about clothing choices.
- Make sure choices are appropriate for all ages and body types.
- Don't create limitations unless they are in line with our priorities.

The dress code/uniform committee has done the legwork (after long hours of discussion) to work through the details that will reflect our school's values and mission. We've done this with prayerfulness, respect and open hearts. Hopefully the reasons presented will help everyone understand the rationale behind our decisions. Our plan is attached. You may notice that a transition year is included in the plan, with the goal year to begin in the 2017-18 school year. The committee felt that further feedback from families would be valuable.

**We urge all families to provide feedback, comments, etc, so we can move forward with a better understanding.**

All comments may be directed to John Johnson, board chair, at  
[jaabcdgobadgers@aol.com](mailto:jaabcdgobadgers@aol.com)

**Please respond by Thursday, January 21, 2016**

Thank you in advance for your consideration and feedback!  
 The Dress Code Committee

"Modesty is always beautiful."  
 -- **G.K. Chesterton**

"What a joy it is to meet a person with a happy smile and pure intention, whose modesty shines forth and acts like a window to reveal their personality and particular beauty."  
 -- **Anonymous**

"Let your modesty be a sufficient incitement, yea, an exhortation to everyone to be at peace on their merely looking at you."  
 -- **Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

"We must practice modesty, not only in our looks, but also in our whole deportment, and particularly in our dress, our walk, our conversation, and all similar actions."  
 -- **Saint Alphonsus Liguori**



**Dress Code Guidelines for Goal Year**  
(2017-18, after one year of transition)

**Tops and Bottoms:**

- Solids only, no embellishments
- All clothing choices should be modest.

**Tops:**

- Dark Purple, white, gray, black, cream/off-white
- **Shirts:**
  - Polos (short and long sleeve), all collared shirts that button down, crew neck dress shirts (no scoop neck), turtlenecks, mock turtlenecks, v-necks only with crew necks or collared shirt underneath
  - Shirts need not be tucked, but cannot hang down below the hip
  - Plain tops without name brand logos are preferred, but small emblems are permitted if can be covered with two fingers (approx. 1 in)
  - No inappropriate logos (related to alcohol, tobacco, etc.)
- **Sweaters, cardigans, fleece, vests** within the color scheme
- No sweatshirts except for on KCSS spirit days or dress down days
- **Ties and blazers** allowed. Ties should be solid or simple pattern. Blazers should fall within the color scheme.
- **Dresses:**
  - Solid color and fall within the color scheme.
  - Neckline: crew neck or collared
  - Hemline: to the top of the knee or lower

**Bottoms** (for transition year and goal):

- Black, Khaki, Gray, Navy (includes pants, shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers)
- **Pants:**
  - Needs to fit at the waist, no holes or tears, finished hem, appropriate length, no skinny fit or tight pants (easy test for tightness: a marble should be able to roll to the bottom between your leg and pant without stopping)
  - No skinny fit, sweatpants, denim, jeggings, flannel, pajama pants or leggings (leggings okay when worn under a skirt or jumper)
  - Capris for girls only during warmer months (using current dress code dates, with exceptions made by headmaster for on-going warm weather)
- **Skirts/Skorts/Jumpers/Shorts:**
  - Length: Top of knee or lower
  - Solid color within color scheme for bottoms (black, khaki, gray or navy)
  - When wearing skirts, etc:
    - Wear tights, nylons, leggings, knee high socks during colder months.
    - Ankle socks or no see/no show socks okay in warmer months.
    - Tights, etc should be solid color: white, cream, navy, gray, flesh/tan or black
  - No athletic shorts.
  - It is recommended (but not necessary) to wear shorts under regular skirts/jumpers/dresses when not wearing leggings (especially in the younger grades). Any type short is okay under skirts (etc), but should not show.

**Footwear:**

- Current dress code guidelines

**Socks/Tights:**

- **Socks:** any solid color when wearing pants. When socks show (with shorts, skirts, etc.), refer to colors for tights.
- **Tights:** when worn with a dress, skirt, jumper – solid color: white, cream, navy, gray, flesh/tan or black

**Hair/Jewelry/Accessories:**

- Current guidelines
- No earrings for boys

**Sport Team Wear:**

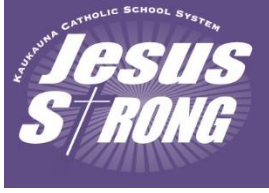
- Allow players to wear jersey tops on game days, except to church

**Dress Code Guidelines for Transition Year**

(2016-17)

- **Bottoms:** same 4 colors as goal year (black, khaki, gray and navy)
- **Tops:** any solid color
- All clothing should still fall within the goal year parameters (styles, length, etc.)

\*\*\*Changes/modifications may be made in the future by the Headmaster and/or school board, as situations arise that warrant change.



Kaukauna Catholic School System

Dear Parents,

KCSS will be kicking off Catholic Schools Week (CSW) on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at the 9:15a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Church.

We would like KCSS students, parents, or families to participate by acting as greeters, ushers, lectors, or handing out "Thank You" cards.

If you normally attend this Sunday liturgy, or are planning on attending the opening CSW liturgy, and would like to be a part of the mass, please fill out the form below and return to the KCSS office by Friday, January 22, so that we can assign parts.

If you do not plan on attending the opening CSW Mass, but usually attend another weekend Mass at St. Katharine Drexel or Holy Cross, and would like to help out in any of the various areas, please check a box on the form below and list the church and time you will be attending.

Thank you,

Mr. Larry Konetzke

Sunday, January 31, 2016
9:15a.m. Mass
Holy Cross Church

\_\_\_\_\_ will:

- o Be a greeter (3-4 needed)
o Usher (4 needed)
o Do a reading/intercessions: Grade 5-8 students or adults. (3 needed)
o Hand out "Thank You" cards after Mass
o Read a reflection after Communion: Grade 5-8 student, parent or KCSS alumnus.

Mass and location \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ Time

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_